

BES MISSION STATEMENT

Bloomfield Elementary School shall provide for all students a safe and caring environment that recognizes individual differences by providing research-based instructional strategies utilizing Indiana Academic Standards in daily curriculum, and meaningful assessment.

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Bloomfield Elementary School

CARDINAL GAZETTE

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Matt Britton, Principal

Looking Ahead



- * **February 2nd**—Progress reports
- * **February 19th**—President's Day/No school
- * **February 26-March 9**—ISTEP+
- * **March 12-16**—IREAD
- * **March 13**—Spring Pictures
- * **March 14th**—Report Card Go Home
- * **March 26-30**—Spring Break
- * **April 3**—Spring Sports Pictures
- * **April 10-12**—3rd grade to Crane
- * **April 13**—Snow Make Up Day
- * **April 18**—Progress Reports Go Home

ISTEP+ TESTING COMING SOON

Students in grades 3—6 will be participating in the spring ISTEP+ during the weeks of February 26—March 9 and April 16—May 4. During these two testing windows students will be tested in language arts, math, science and social studies. Indiana requires students to take this standardized test which focuses on College and Career Readiness Standards. This provides teachers and parents with a better understanding of how your child is progressing academically. Test results will not be available until the end of May.

The IREAD for 3rd Grade will be given March 12 through 16.

Bundle Up For Recess!

Be sure to send warm coats, hats, and gloves for recess time this winter.



Parents please check your child's school supplies. Your child may be needing his/her supplies replaced.

Winter Storms

In case of inclement weather, please listen to or watch:

WTWO (Channel 2)
WTHR (Channel 13)
WTHI (Channel 10)
WTIU (Channel 5)
WWBL (106.5 FM)
WFIU (103.7 FM)

Herald Times Newspaper—Bloomington
Greene County Daily World

The Bloomfield School District will be using the School Messenger system to notify all households and parents if school is cancelled or delayed due to weather.

It is extremely important to update any changes to cell phone numbers or home phone numbers.



Student of the Month



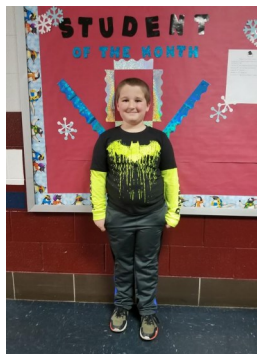
NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY



AIDEN SCOTT



QUENTIN HASH



PEYTON KERR



BES HAPPENINGS



CARDINAL SPORTS

The sixth grade boys had a good start to the season. They have a record of 3-2 with both losses coming by 4 points or less. Over Christmas break the girls have been working hard to ramp up their defense, ball pressure and improving their ball handling and shooting skills. The teams are looking forward to the second half of the season. The fifth grade boys are 1-4 but playing very hard as one of their losses was in double overtime. The 5th grade girls are 1-5 and the 6th grade girls are 3-3. Coach Arford, Coach Royal and Coach Graves all say these kids are a fun group to coach.



JOYFUL NOISE NEWS

Joyful Noise, our 4-6th grade choir, had a great fall semester performing some audience favorite tunes from shows like *Annie* and *Mary Poppins* at the Apple Festival. During the Christmas season, they performed at the Greene County Voices for Kids open house at the courthouse, our annual Music Dept. Christmas Concert, and the Elementary Christmas Concert. They will begin rehearsals on January 17 for our spring season where they will perform at our annual Spring Choir Concert on Sunday, April 8 and the Elementary Spring Concert on Monday, April 9.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BAND

The sixth grade band has been working hard all year on many different things! They started in August learning how to put their instruments together and making their first sounds and were playing their first pieces of music in no time. We quickly prepared for our annual Christmas concert and everyone sounded great! Nev Grav played the chimes solo on Carol of the Bells, students really rocked the house with Jolly Old St. Boogie Clause, and parents were a big fan of the classics, Jingle Bells and Up On The Housetop. We were able to take a short break after the concert and focus on playing different kinds of music. Students were even able to show off their creativity and make up their own songs or create mashups with their classmates. We have hit the ground running since coming back to school. The band students are working hard on making sure they sound great for their pep band debut with the Jr./Sr. High pep band on February 13th. Performances for this year also include the elementary spring concert on April 9th, and the band department spring concert on May 6th. Be sure to come and watch them play to hear all of the great music they have prepared!



EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Teachers at Bloomfield School District have participated in technology training provided by Five-Star. These training sessions help teachers implement educational technology into instructional strategies to improve efficiency, engagement, and checking for understanding. Thank you to April Harper from Five-Star for providing this beneficial training. Our teachers are looking forward to additional Five-Star Technology training this spring. The Technology Committee at BSD is working to ensure that our students are provided the best instruction possible. The team has researched our current infrastructure and the best practices for improving student learning through the use of educational technology moving forward. The Tech team is planning on-site visits to other districts that currently have a 1:1 program in the months ahead.



February 5-9: Hershey Kisses will be sold for Valentine's Day. A Bloomfield student can receive a bag with 5 Hershey Kisses for \$1.50. Treat bags will be delivered on Wednesday, February 14th.

March 12-16: Student Council will be selling Easter Egg Surprises. A student can receive a plastic egg and candy for \$1.50. They will be delivered on Wednesday, March 21st.

April 16-27th: Please send in non-perishable items for the annual spring food drive. More information to come.